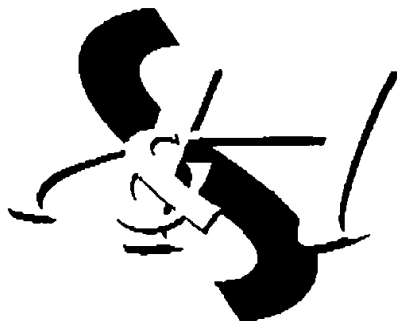


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- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated December 6, 2004 (1 page); and
- 2) Response to Election/Restriction Requirement with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated December 6, 2004 (2 pages).

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

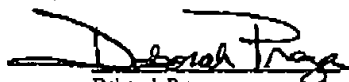
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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed November 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 12, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to an apparatus for making a prosthetic socket, classified in class 425, subclass 2.

The claims readable thereon are claims 1-17.

REMARKS

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

Very respectfully,
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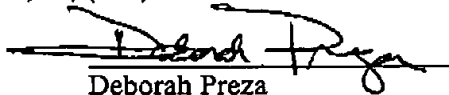
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